

City Council

Study Session Summary

August 23, 2016
Library Meeting Room, 951 Spruce Street
7:00 PM

The City Council met in a study session at 6:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor Meeting Room at the Louisville Public Library at 951 Spruce Street, Louisville, Colorado. The following persons were present:

City Council Present: Mayor Bob Muckle
Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Lipton
Council member Jay Keany
Council member Chris Leh
Council member Susan Loo
Council member Dennis Maloney
Council member Ashley Stolzmann

Staff Present: Malcolm Fleming, City Manager
Heather Balser, Deputy City Manager
David Baril, Head Golf Professional
Becky Campbell, Library Public Services Manager
Ginger Cross, Marketing Specialist
David Dean, Golf Course Superintendent
Aaron DeJong, Economic Development Director
Kurt Kowar, Public Works Director
Emily Kropf, Assistant to the City Manager
Chris Neves, Information Technology Director
Joe Stevens, Parks and Recreation Director
Rob Zuccaro, Director of Planning and Building Safety
Dawn Burgess, Executive Assistant to the City Manager

Lafayette City Council:
Mayor Christine Berg, Stephanie Walton, Chelsea Behanna, Merrily Mazza, Gary Klaphake, Susan Koster, Brad Wiesley, Curt Cheeseman

Golf Course Advisory Board
Ken Gambon, Steven Lembke, Perry Nelson, Cory Nickerson, Lisa Norgard, Sandy Stewart, Michele Van Pelt

Sustainability Advisory Board

Jamie Bartlett, Dan Delahunty, Alison Johanson, Mary Ann Martin, Mark Persichetti

Members of Public: Deb Fahey, John Leary

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Muckle

Discussion – City of Lafayette

Library Consortium

Library Public Services Manager Becky Campbell said Louisville is very happy that Lafayette is joining the Library Consortium. It will be a good joint effort. Other libraries in the consortium are Boulder, Broomfield, and Longmont. There are growing pains but the consortium allows a shared catalog. Council member Stolzmann gave an overview of the Makerspace.

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Update

Mayor Muckle said the Mayhoffer Farm is of primary interest to the cities of Louisville and Lafayette. City Manager Klaphake said discussions with the Mayhoffers have gone on for years and Louisville and Lafayette are good partners.

- Buffer Areas Considered in Municipal Comprehensive Plans/Possible Joint Vision for Buffer Area Near Paschal/Highway 42
 - Klaphake said this is not a priority for Lafayette. Lafayette has an open space tax.
 - Mayor Berg gave an overview of Lafayette Open Space tax.
- Status of Lafayette Soccer Complex at Harney Lastoka Open Space
 - City Manager Klaphake said Lafayette hoped to share synthetic soccer fields and baseball fields so as not to have duplicate restrooms and concessions. Priorities changed in Lafayette but Lafayette still thinks it is a good idea.
 - City Manager Fleming talked about intersection improvements at Short Street and Highway 42 that will link the ballfields to the development area east of the tracks and ultimately downtown Louisville with a future underpass.
- Opportunities for Collaboration in Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Senior services
 - Mayor Muckle talked about the idea of joining services for senior meals and other areas to collaborate. How can we do better without

boundaries? The senior boards from both cities will be meeting soon. Joint offerings and programming may provide better services.

Sharing of passes for golf courses was discussed.

Transportation Issues

- Lafayette has a mill levy on the November ballot, which, if passed, would allow every resident to get an EcoPass. It is a pilot program which can be evaluated in 6 years. Louisville's issue is "last mile" ie: people can take public transportation to Louisville but need to go "that last mile" to get their place of work (ie: CTC)

Affordable housing

- Planning and Building Safety Director Rob Zuccaro said the Kestral affordable housing project is under construction and permits have been issued. It will serve both senior and families.
- Lafayette trying to "land bank" for the next Josephine Commons-type project.
Both these projects will not solve the affordable housing problem. There was discussion of affordable housing.

Lafayette pursue Broadband/SB152 Exemption on Ballot

- Lafayette is putting it on the ballot.
- Lafayette is not yet looking at broadband citywide.

Other

Council member Lipton said Lafayette is a great neighbor and collaboration is excellent.

Sustainability and composting were discussed.

Discussion – Golf Course Financials and Golf Course Advisory Board Role

Chair Gambon stated that the Golf Course Advisory Board is presenting its draft strategic plan and introduced Steve Lembke who owns the Sweet Spot Café.

Mr. Lembke stated that sales have increased since February 2016 and he expects a good winter season due to marketing, specials and a new menu. The Sweet Spot Café has catered 41 events since opening. He added that seating is an ongoing issue as the clubhouse can only accommodate 65. The pavilion has potential as it could seat up to 120.

Chair Gambon said that Council asked the Golf Course Advisory Board to establish its strategic direction. The Advisory Board has since completed a draft strategic plan that addresses how the golf course can maintain the new infrastructure that has been installed.

Chair Gambon continued that the strategic plan focuses on community engagement, financial success, user experience, youth programming and alignment with the City's parks and recreation and comprehensive plans. The upcoming fall and winter months will be a good time to refine the strategic plan. The Advisory Board is currently soliciting input from stakeholders (i.e. City, community, golfers, leagues, etc.).

Marketing specialist, Ginger Cross, stated that she has been sending weekly email blasts to approximately 7,900 recipients with golf course updates and promotions for the Sweet Spot Café. The golf course has also joined the Superior and Louisville Chambers of Commerce, published a coupon through Ideal Golf that will reach 70,000 golfers and plans to participate in Mile High Golf, a 5280 promotional event.

City Council suggested that the Advisory Board work with staff to finalize the strategic plan as staff is responsible for performance of the golf club. There was positive feedback from City Council regarding the strategic plan. It was noted that attention should be paid to wastewater expenses.

Discussion – Sustainability Advisory Board, Sustainability Action Plan

Jamie Bartlett said the discussion will focus on the Sustainability Action Plan. The matrix in the packet was discussed. The Board would like to move forward and adopt the Sustainability Action Plan. This would show citizens that sustainability is a priority.

The Board would like Council to consider the plan and have sustainability targets, strategies and goals with regular review. The Board recommends the City establish metrics and baselines. This is accomplished through studies. There is information beyond the scope of this board. Thus, the Board would like the City to consider a staff person dedicated to sustainability for planning and research. This would not have to be a full time position and could be funded through sources other than the general fund (ie: grants).

The Board would like feedback on the Sustainability Action Plan so they can address them and adopt the Plan. The Board is concerned the City will be behind on sustainability if mandates (federal, state, etc.) are instituted in the future.

Council member Leh thanked the board for their effort and asked why a staff person is needed? Board members replied that a coordinator could have the ability to attend other meetings, have oversight and make the most impact. The board feels opportunities have been missed, i.e. grants, because there isn't anyone dedicated to sustainability and increased efficiency. Momentum would keep going through changes on the board.

Overall, Mayor Muckle likes the Sustainability Action Plan. If the plan is passed, the City could start telling the story of what we have achieved so far.

Council member Stolzmann would be in favor of bringing it to a Council meeting and voting for adoption. She has reservations about a staff person. Discussion of funding a position took place.

Council member Loo said the Plan is very friendly and she thanked the Board for their effort. She feels it is a document the community can work with.

Council member Lipton said there doesn't always have to be an ROI, sometimes there can be a good balance and it is good for the community.

Council member Leh suggests there will need to be a lot of dialogue to convince people to place priority on the Plan.

Council member Lipton said Council asked for an aspirational document and that is what LSAB delivered. He reviewed some changes he would like to see to the Plan.

The Mayor would like the Board to consider the comments Council has offered tonight and bring the Plan back for another review by Council.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Fleming reviewed the Advanced Agenda.

Identification of Future Agenda Items

Adjourn 9:40 pm

*Submitted by – Dawn Burgess
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